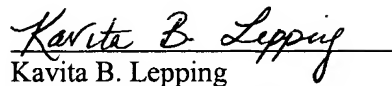




The undersigned respectfully petitions for a refund in the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension fee paid with the Response to Missing Parts filed herewith. The Notice of Missing Parts was mailed on February 23, 2004 and required an additional claim fee of \$86.00. However, Applicant did not receive the Notice, which was faxed at the undersigned's request, today, May 21, 2004. Additionally, the fee transmittal accompanying the application authorized the USPTO to charge any additional fees to deposit account number 210-380. Therefore, a Notice should not have been mailed. Because: 1) the USPTO was authorized to charge this fee to the deposit account; 2) Applicant was not aware of the Notice until today, which is already in the one-month extension period; and 3) Applicant has promptly responded to the fax copy of the Notice, a refund in the amount of \$110 is respectfully requested.

Please credit deposit account no. 22-0621 in the amount of \$110.00

Respectfully submitted,



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